

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...a professional piece of work based on skill. The Attorney General may be primarily an administrator, the city attorney the same, but in this we're looking for somebody who can do a job. We're looking for competency and that is what is being purchased. So I would still like to see something that would indicate that we're not just going to have these proposals looked at, but that there will be an opportunity for those whose proposals would give an indication that they can do the job the best would have the inside track. And I disagree with some professionals who say that you can't put their work on the basis of the lowest bidder. They like to raise the price as high as they can. And I think that if these law firms realize, and these architects and others who say don't make them bid, that they are going to have to bid, they would suddenly learn that they can bid, they can quantify the value of what they do and so forth, but that is not what I'm looking for...

SPEAKER BARRETT: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in this particular instance.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Further discussion on the amendment? Senator Landis, there are no other lights, would you care to close?

SENATOR LANDIS: Mr. Speaker, I will close on this amendment. As a matter of fact, I have some language I'd like to show Senator Chambers in a moment anyway. But let's adopt this amendment. I'll have a chance to go over this other language with Ernie in a moment and we can get to the concept of the bill itself. This is meant to give the assurance to those who asked me about it, well gosh, are we going to run off to Wall Street and get huge, fabulous sums for bond counsel? And the answer is, no, that is not my goal. My goal is to save property tax dollars. I'll be happy to make sure that what we're dealing with are competent, qualified, but Nebraska based law firms to do that work. I hope that we can accommodate Senator Chambers' goal as well. Let's adopt the amendment and get on with the concept of the bill.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The question is the adoption of the Johanns amendment as offered by Senator Landis. Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the adoption of